



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – May 23, 2006**

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## **NITRATE ADVISORY – DUBLIN ROAD WATER PLANT SERVICE AREA**

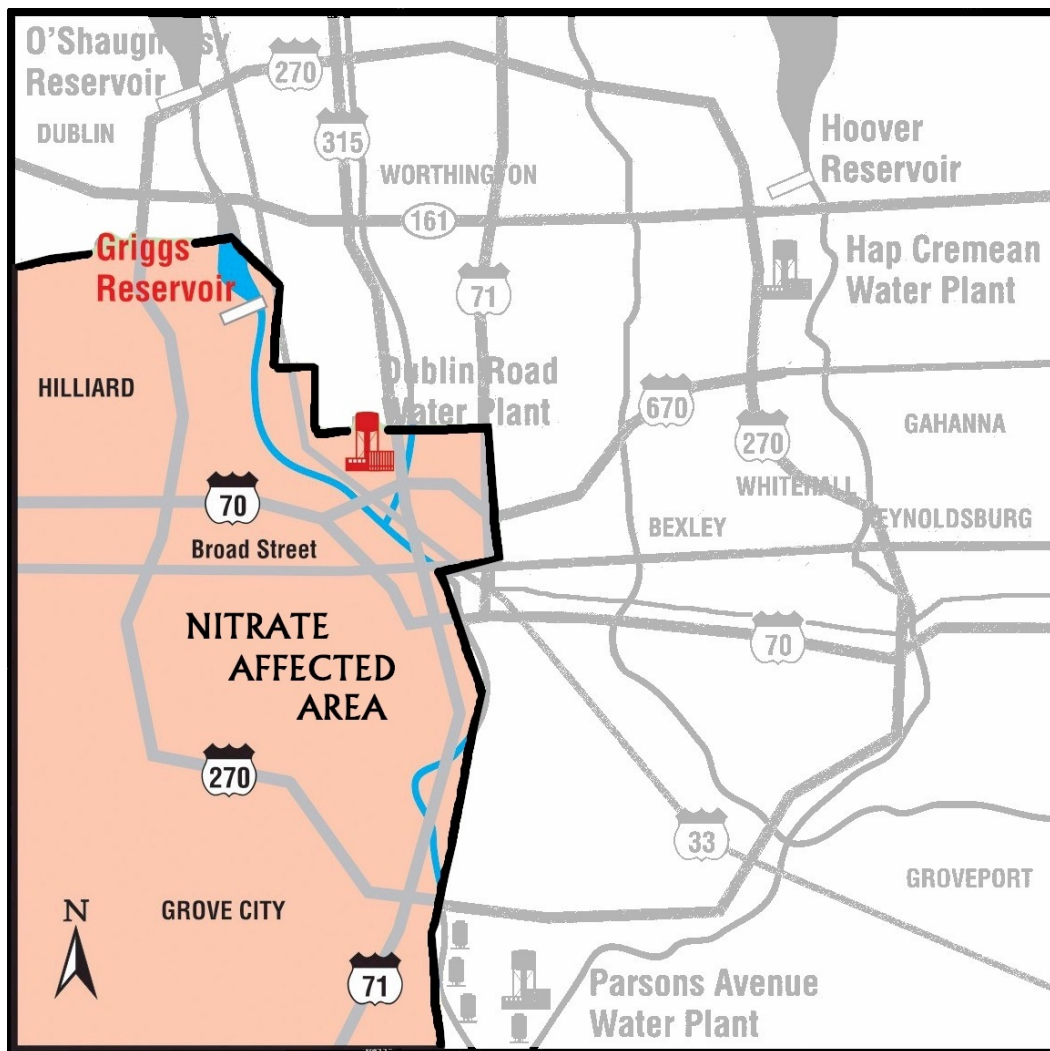
(COLUMBUS) - The Columbus Division of Power and Water has issued a nitrate advisory to populations receiving their water from the Dublin Road Water Plant.

**Do not give the water to infants under six months old or use it to make infant formula or juice.** The advisory is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

The Dublin Road Water Plant supplies water to the following areas:

Downtown Columbus	German Village
Upper Arlington, south of Fishinger Road	Grove City
West Columbus	Grandview Heights
Southwest Columbus, to Scioto River	Hilliard
Lincoln Village	Marble Cliff

Utilities Complex	910 Dublin Road	Columbus, Ohio 43215
Director's Office	614/645-6141	FAX: 614/645-8019 TDD: 614/645-6454
Sewerage and Drainage Division	614/645-7175	FAX: 614/645-3801 TDD: 614/645-6338
Water Division	614/645-7020	FAX: 614/645-8177 TDD: 614/645-7188
Electricity Division	3500 Indianola Avenue	Columbus, Ohio 43214
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**WATER SUPPLIED TO THE REST OF THE COLUMBUS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BY THE PARSONS AVENUE AND HAP CREMEAN WATER PLANTS DO NOT CONTAIN ELEVATED NITRATE LEVELS.**

According to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency regulations, the public must be notified within twenty-four hours when nitrate levels in a public water supply exceed the maximum contaminant level. The maximum contaminant level for nitrates is 10 parts per million. Today, the nitrate level in the tap water tested at the Dublin Road Water Plant registered 11.2 parts per million. The Columbus Division of Power and Water will continue to monitor the Dublin Road Water Plant water supply on a regular basis, provide regular updates on the level of nitrates in this water supply, and notify the public when the advisory may be lifted.

As directed by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the City provides the following health effects notification: Infants below the age of (6) months who drink water containing nitrates in excess of the maximum contaminant level could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and Blue Baby Syndrome.

Residents who live in the above designated service area and have an infant less than six months of age are advised to purchase DISTILLED WATER to use in baby formula. DO NOT BOIL TAP WATER; boiling increases nitrate levels in the tap water.



Residents with questions regarding the health effects of nitrates should contact their family physician or health care provider.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, daycare centers and child care providers, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing by hand or mail. For current updates, please check our website [www.columbuswater.org](http://www.columbuswater.org). You may also contact Rick Tilton, Assistant Director, Department of Public Utilities, at (614) 645-6622, as a source of additional information concerning this notice.

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